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F O R T H E Y E A R
1944.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
of the Borough of Appleby.

Sir and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Borough during the year 1944. The Report follows the lines of those presented during the past few years.

I am indebted to the help I have received from the School Medical Officers of the County in carrying out immunisation against Diphtheria and tend to them my thanks.

Should you desire any further particulars I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,
Sir and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. Baron Cockill,
Medical Officer of Health.

7th July, 1945.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1944.

Area (acres) 1,877

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population 1,705
mid 1944.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year

	Total.	M.	F.	
(Legitimate.	28	17	11	Birth Rate per 1,000 of
Live Births				estimated resident
(Illegitimate	-	-	-	population.....16.4
Birth Rate, England & Wales				17.6
Still Births.	1	1	-	Rate per 1,000 total
				(live & still) births
				34.4
Deaths	25	9	16	Death Rate per 1,000 of
				estimated resident
				population.....14.6
Death Rate, England & Wales.				11.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

	<u>Deaths</u>
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.
Total	Nil.

Maternal Mortality Rate, England & Wales. 1.93

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births.	178
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	178
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Infantile Death Rate, England & Wales.	46

Deaths from Cancer. (all ages)	6
" " Measles (all ages)	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1

The largest number of deaths from any one cause were:-

Cancer.	6
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	5
Heart Disease.	4

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

There has been no extension in Housing, Water Supplies or Sewerage and the System of Public Cleansing remains the same. No analyses of water have been taken.

The Hostel erected for the Women's Land Army is now occupied by the Kirkby Thore Thistle Plaster Works under the Man Power Board.

Battlebarrow house has been occupied by the Army for several short periods and by the Contractors of Works at the Range, Warcop.

At the end of the year there remained eleven official evacuees from London, the South Shields school boys having returned home in July.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK.

13 samples have been taken, 4 of which were satisfactory for cleanliness, 2 passed the Methylene Blue Test and 7 failed in this test and also that for Bacillus Coli content. Tubercle Bacilli were not found in any sample.

MEAT.

Meat is supplied from the Central Killing Station at Penrith.

ADULTERATION etc. AND CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and this work is carried out by Mr. C.J.H. Stock, B.Sc., F.I.C., County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

With the exception of Measles and Whooping Cough of which 15 and 6 cases respectively were notified, there was little incidence. There were 5 cases of Scarlet Fever and 3 of Diphtheria, the latter in adults who were associated with one another intimately: 1 case of Erysipelas also occurred.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria has been continued; 31 children under 5 years of age and 67 of school age have been immunised.

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A Clinic for the treatment of Scabies has been opened at the First Aid Post in charge of Nurse Brigg who has had the assistance of members of Appleby Red Cross Detachment. 86 cases have been treated for which 210 baths have been given.

The School Medical Officer states that a fairly high standard of Nutrition has been maintained, a high standard of cleanliness exists and that Scabies though not stamped out is less prevalent.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no new cases of Tuberculosis notified nor any deaths reported as arising from this disease.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES TABLE.

DISEASE.	Total	Ages											Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
		1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-		
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Diphtheria	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	15	1	2	-	3	6	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	8	3	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	32	4	3	1	5	11	2	-	1	1	2	1	8	-

